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Ex parte WILLIAM L. BOWDEN, KLAUS BRANDT, IGNACIO CHI, OU MAO, BRIAN MCGOVERN AND RIMMA A. SIROTINA MAY 2 2 2007

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Application No. 10/648,801

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 13, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

On November 9, 2006, appellants filed an amendment with the Appeal Brief. A review of the application indicates that the amendment has not been considered by the

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Examiner, and is missing from the Patent Application Location and Monitoring System (PALM). Appropriate correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

1) to consider the amendment filed November 9, 2006, notify Appellant of said consideration and have said amendment entered into Patent Application Location and Monition System (PALM); and

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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